

## DEATH OF ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY

Paris Dispatches Authority for Stating He Died at Sea From Attack of Dysentery.

ADMIRAL NEBOGATOFF SUCCEEDS TO COMMAND.

News Came to Paris Through a St. Petersburg Correspondent — Supposed Blockade Runner Gets Her Clearance Papers — General Kaulbars Will Return From Manchurian Service and Return Home — Admiral Paraguet Is in Command of the Fourth Baltic Squadron, Which Sails June 14.

Paris, May 23.—A report is circulated here to the effect that information is received by the Russian admiralty from Saigon that Admiral Rojestvensky has died.

**Died of Dysentery.**  
The report is to the effect that advice was received by a well known firm of French bankers from the confidential agent at St. Petersburg, stating that Rojestvensky had died of dysentery and Admiral Nebogatoff had assumed command of the entire fleet. The report has created a sensation here.

**Kaulbars Will Return.**  
St. Petersburg, May 23.—A dispatch from the front states that General Kaulbars, commander of the second Manchurian army, will return to Russia.

**Lincolnton Released.**  
Yokohama, May 23.—The steamer Lincolnton, captured several days ago by the Japanese, has been released.

**Russians Burned Nanchang.**  
St. Petersburg, May 23.—Linovitch reports the Russians occupied Nanchang. A detachment under command of General Trubetskoy, forced the Japanese to evacuate Nanchang, then marched south and set fire to Nanchang.

**Russians Frequently Defeated.**  
Tokio, May 23.—Oyama reports that the Russian cavalry which defeated the Japanese at the battle of the Yalu were frequently defeated by the Japanese rear guard. A portion of the Russian force retreated north in disorder.

**Admiralty Inevitable.**  
St. Petersburg, May 23.—It is stated at the admiralty today that no direct advice has been received from Rojestvensky for 10 days. The report the admiral is dead, however, is contradicted at the admiralty.

**Three Divisions United.**  
Tokio, May 23.—Reports from foreign sources indicate that three divisions of the Baltic fleet have united and gained the Pacific.

**LABOR BUREAU RECOMMENDED.**

**Presbyterians Are Loyal to Westminster Confession.**

Winona Lake, Ind., May 23.—The Presbyterian general assembly today adopted the report of the missions committee recommending the establishment of a labor bureau for the purpose of creating closer relationship between the labor unions and the church.

By a unanimous vote the assembly passed a resolution favoring the expulsion of Senator Smoot and scoring the Mormons on the ground they place their church above the government. The assembly today voted down a proposition to substitute for the Westminster confession a brief statement of faith presented by the Nassau Presbyterian.

**America Will Be Represented.**  
Paris, May 23.—At a meeting of the council of ministers today, M. Delcasse announced that President Roosevelt has accepted the invitation of France to send a military commission to the next general military maneuvers.

**Republican Machine Busted.**  
Philadelphia, May 23.—Mayor Weaver this morning asked for and received the resignation of Davis Smythe, Director Safety and Peter Costello, directors of public works. This is taken as proof positive the republican machine has gone to pieces and the death knell of the gas trust is sounded. The reformers are jubilant.

## DEAD ON HIS HEAD.

Drunk Man Falls and Breaks His Neck.

Aberdeen, Wash., May 23.—A peculiar fatality occurred late yesterday afternoon in the death of William Josephson, rooming at 516 Herron street. Josephson does not drink usually, but came home drunk yesterday. The landlady, coming home late, went to the door of a box-in stairway to take a paper to Josephson, when he was discovered standing on his head at the foot of the stairs, black in the face, his hat jammed down over his ears, and dead from a broken neck. No inquest was considered necessary.

Decensed was 56 years old, single and an Odd Fellow. He had relatives in Coos Bay, who have been communicated with.

## Scarlet Fever Epidemic.

Eugene, Ore., May 23.—Scarlet fever exists in the town of Springfield to such an extent that the churches, Sunday schools and lodges, complying with a request made by the mayor, have all dispensed with public gatherings until danger of spread of contagion is over. A request was also made to close the public school, but the directors refuse to do so, and every few days pupils are compelled to leave because they have contracted the fever. There have been several deaths from it during the past two or three weeks.

## Teacher Committed Suicide.

Monmouth, Ore., May 23.—Miss Daisy B. Huntington, a teacher in the Normal training department of the state normal school at this place, committed suicide yesterday evening by taking carbolic acid. Dependence is supposed to have been the cause. She was an excellent teacher and had been re-employed for the coming year, at an increase of \$250 in her salary. Her parents live in Illinois.

## Arrested at Immigration.

Washington, May 23.—Immigration Commissioner F. P. Sargent is alarmed at the increasing immigration into this country and has called the attention of the president to it. During the present fiscal year over 1,600,000 steerage passengers have reached the United States. A special message will perhaps be sent to congress on this question.

## TAX COLLECTOR WAS SENTENCED

HE PLEADED GUILTY TO TWO EMBEZZLEMENTS.

Total Amount of His Peculations Reaches \$100,000. From the City of San Francisco—Was Sentenced for Both Charges, But Will Have Only Six Years to Serve. With Time Subtracted for Good Behavior, as Sentences Run Concurrently.

San Francisco, May 23.—Edward Smith, San Francisco's defaulting tax collector, today entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging him with the embezzlement of \$15,000, and was sentenced to 10 years.

He also entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging the embezzlement of \$25,000, on which he was also sentenced to 10 years, but as both sentences run concurrently, the actual time he will have to serve will be six years and four months, allowing for good behavior.

Smith's total peculations amount to \$100,000.

## FIRE AT NORTH YAKIMA.

The Wilson Block Burns, Entailing Loss of \$25,000.

North Yakima, Wash., May 23.—The Wilson block, corner of Third street and Yakima avenue, was gutted by fire last night. Between \$20,000 and \$25,000 worth of property was destroyed. The building cost \$24,000. The damage to it amounts to \$6000, with \$11,000 insurance. The \$20,000 stock of John W. Weigel & Co., clothing, was partially ruined by water. The damage is \$15,000, insurance \$14,000. An adjoining room was destroyed by fire. The stock was worth \$8000; insurance, \$4000. The second story was occupied by Mrs. Davis as a lodging house. She lost all her property, valued at about \$1000. The fire started in the famous clothing store in a mysterious manner. It took the firemen five hours to extinguish the fire.

## Stricken With Paralysis.

Omaha, May 23.—E. W. Nash, president of the smelter trust, who was stricken with paralysis while at a dinner last evening, has not recovered consciousness and there is little hope for his recovery.

## Princess Natalie Dead.

St. Petersburg, May 23.—Princess Natalie, the youngest daughter of the Grand Duke Constantine, died today of meningitis.

## Many Teachers Fail.

Seattle, May 23.—Out of 319 teachers applying to the state superintendent for state papers, but 167 passed the proper examinations.

## WHITE HORSE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Seattle, May 23.—A report reached here today that the whole town of White Horse, on the Yukon river, is destroyed by fire. No details, all wires to White Horse being down for two days, and it is impossible to confirm the rumor.

Later.—Two main streets, comprising the total business portion of town were wiped out this morning. Six hotels, a half dozen stores and a dozen residences were destroyed; also the White Pass and Yukon railway depot.

The loss is estimated at \$500,000, with no insurance. The origin is unknown.

The fire broke out in the Windsor hotel, jumped across the street, almost entirely wiping out a whole block, including the largest dry goods store in the city, then jumped to the second street.

## EIGHT HUNDRED TEAMSTERS ADDED TO STRIKERS' RANKS

No Present Prospects for a Settlement of Chicago's Labor Troubles—Many "Conferences," No Results.

Express Companies Are Obdurate to the Last Degree, Refusing to Reemploy Any Man Who Is Out on Strike—Two Hundred Additional Deputies Sworn in by the Cook County Sheriff—Forty-eight Laborers Cited to Testify Why They Refused to Testify in Injunction Cases—Federation of Labor Defends School Children Who Went on Strike.

Chicago, May 23.—The teamsters employed by 18 lumber firms struck this morning, adding about 800 teamsters to those already on strike and apparently making the prospects for a settlement more remote than ever.

At 9:30 this morning a conference was called at the office of the mayor for the purpose of finding some solution if possible of the problem involving in the attitude of the express companies towards their teamsters on strike. The companies have maintained they could not take the men back who have violated contracts with them. Unless some provision is made for the express drivers, the unions claim they can make no settlement of the strike.

Mayor Dunne, Levy Mayer, attorney for the employers, representatives of all the express companies and an aldermanic committee are present.

It is believed the conference will result in finding some loophole through which the locked out express drivers can be taken back, which will remove the last obstacle in the path of a settlement.

**Will Make No Concessions.**  
At the conclusion of the conference Mayor Dunne announced the express companies seem unwilling to make concessions. Another meeting is arranged, however, for this afternoon, when President Barry, of the express drivers, the express managers and aldermanic committee, will make a final effort to get together.

Mayor Dunne, Chief of Police O'Neill and the sheriff, held a conference this morning on the strike situation. It was decided to send a large force of police and deputies to the lumber district, where several hundred men went on strike this morning. Sheriff Barrett will swear in 200 additional deputies for this duty.

**Express Companies Obdurate.**  
President Barry, of the express drivers, failed to appear at the appointed conference with express managers this afternoon. Until he is heard from, all negotiations are off.

It is reported on good authority the express companies are still-necked and will make absolutely no concessions. If this is true, there is little hope for any settlement.

President Shea went into a conference with the joint lumbermen's association this afternoon to endeavor to adjust the differences existing between the lumber dealers and teamsters.

Judge Kohlman, in the federal court

## WHAT WILL NOW BE DONE WITH THE WHISKEY PEDDLER

What will now be done with the whiskey peddler?

Will the saloons be thrown open to Indians and will the menace of drunken half-breeds and full-bloods now be imposed upon the community, since the supreme court decision says that Indians are citizens and may buy whiskey if they choose, so far as the federal government is concerned? These are a few of the questions that are now deeply agitating the minds of the people of Pendleton.

It is the consensus of opinion among the leading attorneys that the Oregon statute of 1864 is still in force, and will serve as a check, but judging from the inactivity of officials in other more important law violations, will this ancient statute be enforced?

There is a general sentiment among attorneys also, that the city council should take immediate steps to insert a proviso in every liquor license, by

## MACHEN PLEADED GUILTY.

Accused to Two Years in Moundsville Penitentiary.

Washington, May 23.—August M. Machen, formerly superintendent of the free delivery bureau of the post office department, this morning entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the sale of letter carriers' supplies to the department in conjunction with George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, and William C. Crawford, of Washington.

Machen threw himself on the mercy of the court. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment in the Moundsville penitentiary, to be served at the conclusion of his present sentence.

William C. Crawford made a plea of not guilty. Machen refused to say anything that would prejudice the other defendants. It is understood the other 12 indictments against Machen will be quashed.

## CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Clark Grain Commission Company, 119 East Court Street.

Chicago, May 23.—The predictions of the sages have fallen flat and instead of a steady rise in the price of wheat, a slump occurred today in which the price dropped from \$1 at which it closed yesterday, to 89¢, at which it closed today.

The decline was a remarkable surprise to all, but the excellent crop reports from the northwest and the fate of the last attempted corner conspired to hammer down the prices. Corn closed at 45¢ and oats at 32¢.

## Sunbeam Was Sighted.

New York, May 23.—A wireless telegram from the steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm bound for New York, reports that Lord Brassey's Sunbeam was yesterday 817 miles east of Sandy Hook. This is 90 miles east of the point where the Atlantic was reported four hours before.

## Wreck in Tennessee.

McKenzie, Tenn., May 23.—A wash-out on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad caused the wreck of the Dixie flyer east of here today. Several were injured, some of whom may die.

## IDAHO SCHOOLS ARE EXPANDING

SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT PROUD OF HER STATE.

Expects to Have Leading Educational Exhibit at Lewis and Clark Fair—Ample Room for Exhibit Provided in Idaho's State Building—Every District School in Idaho is Rapidly Growing—19 High Schools Now in the State—Increasing Settlement Makes Demand for School Room.

"Idaho expects to have the finest educational exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair," said State Superintendent of Schools Mary Scott, of that state, to the East Oregonian this morning, as she passed through to Portland to superintend the installation of the exhibit.

Miss Scott is enthusiastic over the educational exhibit that has been collected by her state and owing to the fact that Idaho's state building will afford her ample room in which to display it, she expects to make a highly creditable showing.

"Idaho is growing so rapidly in the way of schools that it is impossible to keep up with the demands. We are now far behind the demand for school room in many places and the number of teachers in the various cities is increasing at a rapid rate. We can scarcely realize that the state is making such rapid strides. Why, Blackfoot, just a village a few years ago, will employ nearly 20 teachers during the coming school year; Twin Falls has sprung into existence, a full-fledged city within a season, and St. Anthony, a pioneer village only a short time ago, now a thriving city and the site of a new state school.

"There are now 19 first-class high schools in the state of Idaho, and in every district in the state, it is fair to say, there is a brisk increase in the demand for school room.

"Idaho is so well advertised in the East that many settlers are locating in the state, among them, of course, many first-class teachers, so there is a plentiful supply of teachers for all the needs of the state."

Miss Scott is a progressive and highly capable educator, and has exerted great influence in finishing the educational conditions in her state.

She spoke kindly of Pendleton and regretted that she was unable to attend the last meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers' association here, since she was on the program for an address.

She will probably remain in Portland until the fair is opened, when she will return to Boise.

The 11-year-old son of John Goods was instantly killed at Belt, Mont., by a coal train. His head and arm were cut off.

## TRUST COMPANY FAILS HEAVILY

Big New York Concern Closes Down Subject to Liabilities of \$2,959,888.

STATE BANK EXAMINER HAS ASSUMED CONTROL.

Counsel for the Institution Claims the Embarrassment Is Only Temporary—The Company's Affairs Have Been Gossip in Wall Street for Some Time—Said That It Has Made Bad Investments—A Scheme to Increase Its Capital Stock Precipitated the Closure—Receiver Is Appointed.

New York, May 23.—State Bank Examiner Judson took charge of the Merchants' Trust company, at 10 this morning. Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the trust company, stated this morning the trouble will probably be only temporary, and the company will be able to pull through.

The main offices of the company are 346 Broadway. According to the last statement its assets were \$4,034,437, and liabilities \$2,959,888.

The concern has been subject to rumors in Wall street for some time, as it is reported the bank had made some bad investments.

This morning the statement is published that a special meeting of the stockholders was called June 1 to vote upon a proposed increase of its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. This announcement caused the closing of the doors today.

**Unprofitable Investments.**  
Jacob L. Phillips, president of the company, said this afternoon the concern held bonds to the extent of \$2,000,000 of Hudson Valley Railroad company, a large block of Rutland, Vermont railway, and gas securities on which it had not realized.

**Receiver Appointed.**  
Albany, May 23.—Attorney General Mayer went before Supreme Court Justice Cochrane and made application for the appointment of a receiver for the Merchants' Trust company. Douglas Robinson was appointed receiver. Robinson is a brother-in-law of Roosevelt.

**STABBING AT THE DAILIES.**  
Saloonkeeper Injured by Francisco in a Quarrel.

The Dailies, May 23.—This time a cutting affair, which occurred at A. L. Nelson's saloon last night about 11:30, the principal being a young man who has been heard from before and whom it is said was in a cutting scrape but a few weeks ago.

About 11 o'clock Nightwatchman Mahan went into Nelson's saloon and asked for Edward Francisco, saying he had got into a quarrel with some alley woman, had struck her and he wanted to arrest him. Being told that he was not there, the officer went out. Later Francisco made his appearance, in an intoxicated condition, and Nelson told him that the police was after him to get out of the saloon, that he had trouble enough and didn't want any more. So saying he took the young fellow to the back door, when he turned on him and showed fight. Nelson slapped him in the face, whereupon "Frisco" drew out a large pocket knife and jabbed the blade into Nelson's left arm between the shoulder and elbow, going clear through the arm and cutting a bad gash about four inches long.

**Friction Among Miners.**  
Salt Lake, May 23.—Friction as to the number of votes each delegate is entitled to cast, prevented the convention of the Western Federation of Miners getting down to business today. The morning session was characterized by speeches showing discontent among the delegates, and the afternoon in discussing the report of the credentials committee. Officers' reports and appointment of committees are expected tomorrow.

**Killed by Pitched Ball.**  
New York, May 23.—James Mills, a young man of Brooklyn, was almost instantly killed yesterday evening while catching a game of baseball in Brooklyn. He wore no mask and missed a ball which struck him in the forehead, fracturing his skull.

**Rumelin Jury Disagrees.**

Portland, May 23.—After being out all night, the jury in the case of Councilman Rumelin, charged with attempted bribery, reported it was unable to agree and was discharged. Damaging evidence was given against Rumelin by former City Engineer Elliott. It is alleged Rumelin offered to divide \$5000 bribe money with Elliott.